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## Christmas, 1921, What to Buy

In Adam's time it was easy to know what to buy—there was only one department store in the garden—the one conducted by Old Man Nature. There was nothing in the list that Adam mentioned to Eve that really interested, and Adam thought—well some of modern Santa Claus fellows know what he thought when he had carefully enumerated the list to his better half. Arising in his might and dignity he finally, in desperation, asked Eve what she most desired. Adam sort of started a precedent then that has kept all of us guessing ever since and the end is not yet.

Tradition tells us that Eve was beautiful to gaze upon on that ancient Christmas eve. Her fig leaf had been duly laundered and her hair was not bobbed—indeed, she was the most beautiful woman Adam had ever beheld, and it was his utmost desire to cater to her every wish and desire.

"Adam," quoth Eve, "I want that apple that grows on yonder tree located in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the garden."

You know which one I mean? Indeed, no other apple will suffice. If you really love me you'll get it for me to OUR Christmas!

Right there Eve started something that has clung to all mankind down through all these ages. "If you really love me, you'll get me that one thing which I crave more than anything else."

Eve wasn't to blame. She was just like the modern woman of today—she wanted the (almost) unattainable. Adam has been blamed for some few thousands of years for coming across just at that time. Most all modern Santas have been coming across ever since, and until the end of time they'll keep on doing it.

Of course, Adam told her nothing doing. Too high, couldn't afford it. Eve knew better and on that memorable night Adam, after he thought Eve was sound asleep rose from his bed in the cave and—got the apple, placed it where Eve would find it Christmas morning. Eve awoke early Christmas day, and, perceiving the apple, shouted to Adam, "awake, awake, Adam, and see what Santa Claus brought to me. Surely, this is a great day for us."

Since then, what to buy at Christmas time has been the leading question in all civilized Christianized countries. Back a few centuries since the "criers" told what could be bargained for here and there. A little later the newspapers came, followed by the illustrated catalogs. Then the popular magazines and the great dailies of the world published lists of what to get for brother, sister, mother—and Dad.

Probably the up-to-now-magazines give the most appropriate lists of gifts for Christmas, 1921. True, the newspapers have done well. Their lists can hardly be improved upon.

A close study of these lists shows for sister, a new set of furs, a cloak, a dress, manicure sets in ivory, in silver, horn, etc., and just about one million other things that most any sister would treasure and upon receiving declare the Christmas functions were highly satisfactory. And then brother, too, has a most complete list of holiday suggestions. There are skates, sleds, toboggans, fur caps, gauntlet gloves, guns, hockey sticks, etc., to the end of time. Mother is well taken care of. A Chippendale dressing table, all the little things that go with it, an opera cloak, silverware, slumber robes, and boudoir outfits, etc., and etc., several times. Father, well, his list has apparently been slightly overlooked. A box of cigars, a necktie or possibly a set of dominoes.

And father, about this time carefully inspects the bank roll and finally decides on the particular brand of cigar he wishes. Indeed, he takes the utmost care in telling friend wife the name of his favorite brand, and perchance, if it is an imported brand he takes time to spell it for her so that she'll not forget. Friend wife, however has other plans. She don't intend to waste any money on high priced cigars. It might interfere with her plans. She knows just exactly where that Chippendale table is going to stand—and, anyway, the United Cigar stores advertise a box of Christmas cigars for \$2.78—they're good enough for anybody. Father got them, too, and while Mother was down town she ordered the Chippendale table sent up. The card found thereon Christmas morning bears this card: "To Father and Mother."

Father also got a necktie. Christmas calls are made Christmas day. Near friends of the family—(something like the Near East) call. Mother shows the Chippendale table, explaining how surprised she was to find the Chippendale table reposing so comfy-like in her bed room that morning and father, well he wanders about the house babbling deliriously about OUR beautiful Chippendale dressing table!

And Bobby and Mabel? Oh, well, give them time. Leave it to them, they'll learn.

### MRS. HAMON TO WED AGAIN

Chicago, Dec. 9.—William Louis Rohrer, retired investment banker of Chicago, tonight announced his engagement to marry Mrs. Jane L. Hamon, widow of the Oklahoma political leader. Mrs. Hamon with her son and daughter has made her home in Chicago since the death last year of her husband.

### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND MASS MEETING

For the purpose of selecting delegates to a Senatorial District Convention to be held at Brookfield, Missouri, on Tuesday, December 26th, for the nomination of a Democratic candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from the Sixth Senatorial District, a County Convention will be held in the Circuit Courtroom at Keytesville, on Tuesday, December 20, 1921.

Mass Meetings will be held in each township in the usual meeting place in said townships on Saturday, December 17th at 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of selection of delegates to the County Convention. Each township in the county will be entitled to the following delegates.

Bee branch Township	1
Bowling Green Township	1
Brunswick Township	7
Chariton Township	1
Clark Township	2
Cockrell Township	1
Cunningham Township	2
Keytesville Township	8
Mendon Township	2
Missouri Township	1
Musselfork Township	2
Salt Creek Township	1
Salisbury Township	11
Triplet Township	3
Wayland Township	3
Yellow Creek Township	2

Township committeemen are urged to give as wide publicity to these mass meetings as possible in order that a full attendance of Democrats may be had at the mass meeting.

C. W. McALLISTER,  
Chairman Democratic County Committee.

B. F. LAUGHLIN,  
Secretary.

### THE BRUNSWICK TELEPHONE SERVICE TO THIS TOWN

If there is any one thing that gets in clear under the hide to the average person in Keytesville who happens to have a little business to transact with our sister city—Brunswick—it is the telephone service.

The Courier will not attempt to say what is wrong, but the Courier will state from experience, that it is about as rotten a service as can be found anywhere.

Just suppose you want to get in communication with Brunswick what happens? You go to the phone and in your most docile, pleasant and sweet voice reply to the Keytesville central, "Brunswick, please."

The Courier man landed in Keytesville July 14, 1921, and, during this time we have managed to get Brunswick just exactly three times. The balance of the time that we have called for Brunswick, the reply has been, "Line's busy, try again, please."

The other day we wanted to talk with Robertson of the Brunswick. We commenced to call at 9 a. m. We called every fifteen minutes the rest of the day until, finally at 3 p. m. we got our connection, and just because Brother Robertson was on the job, we managed to transact our business.

Line's busy don't get a fellow anywhere. The Keytesville central is not to blame. In fact the service dolled out by the Keytesville exchange is of the best, but, line's busy, is fast becoming intolerable.

Just what is the trouble we don't know and don't care a hang. The fact of the matter is that Keytesville business men want and are entitled to a bit of service. If one line is not enough to take care of the business there should be two and so on up to a dozen or more, until patrons desiring connection with Brunswick can get it. It is very seldom that a call cannot be put through. No one expects the line to be clear all the time. There is such a thing as average, however, and the average times out of five that a man can procure connection with Brunswick amounts to just about a cipher with the rings knocked off.

This reminds us of a story told by a traveling man who did not like the appearance of the telephone booth in which he was talking, and he wrote a letter to the phone people about "beautifying the telephone." His reply from the newspaper was a query—do you want us to plant bulbs in the mouthpiece? If that was done here it would not detract much from the Brunswick service.

An exchange says that by the way people stay away from some stores that persistently refuse to advertise one would draw the conclusion that the place was quarantined for small pox or something!

## Agreement Replacing Anglo-Jap Alliance

The following is the text of the treaty of agreement providing for peace in the Pacific submitted to the conference on limitation of armaments:

The United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan, with a view to the preservation of the general peace and the maintenance of their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific ocean, have determined to conclude a treaty to this effect and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries the President of the United States of America, his majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British dominions beyond the seas, Emperor of India, and for the Dominion of Canada, for the Commonwealth of Australia, for the Dominion of New Zealand, for India, the President of the French Republic, his majesty the Emperor of Japan, who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

### ARTICLE I.

The high contracting parties agree as between themselves to respect their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific Ocean.

If there should develop between any of the high contracting parties a controversy arising out of any Pacific question and involving their said rights which is not satisfactorily settled by diplomacy and is likely to affect the harmonious accord now happily subsisting between them, they shall invite the high contracting parties to a joint conference, to which the whole subject will be referred for consideration and adjustment.

### ARTICLE II.

If the said rights are threatened by aggressive action of any other power, the high contracting parties shall communicate with one another fully and frankly, in order to arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient measures to be taken, jointly and separately, to meet the exigencies of the particular situation.

### ARTICLE III.

This agreement shall remain in force for ten years from the time it shall take effect and after the expiration of said period it shall continue to be in force subject to the right of any of the high contracting parties to terminate it upon twelve months' notice.

### ARTICLE IV.

This agreement shall be ratified as soon as possible in accordance with the constitutional methods of the high contracting parties and shall take effect on the deposit of ratification which shall take place at Washington, and thereupon the agreement between Great Britain and Japan, which was concluded at London on July 13, 1911, shall terminate.

### SMALLPOX SCARE IN MOBERLY OVERATED

Although rumors have it that Moberly is infested with smallpox, this afternoon at 2 o'clock Dr. Dixon, city health commissioner, told a Democrat representative that so far the only case reported to him was the Tyler case on Morehead street. All physicians are required to report contagious diseases to the health office. All kinds of rumors about the condition of the disease here are afloat. Many have been led to think that there are many cases here and that newspapers are not telling of it, but, of course, that it is not true. There's one mild case in town now, according to authority.

A few weeks ago a rumor here told that a former Moberly lady had died at her home in Kirksville; it even went so far as to name the person who had sent the telegram that her husband had sent her mother. A Democrat representative got down to the facts of the case and was mighty glad to print that the rumor was untrue; but an hour after the paper was out many looked at him with almost murder in their eyes for attempting to squelch the rumor "that must be true."

The young woman is still living, we are glad to say. Nearly all school children have been vaccinated. The board of health has asked the school board to extend the limit till Thursday.

This was asked so that all of the students will have an opportunity to get vaccinated. Doctors vaccinated many yesterday. Some trouble has been experienced in getting plenty of vaccine and needles, the demand is so great.—Moberly Democrat.

Mrs. Hugo Barta was the guest of friends in Brunswick Wednesday.

A 12-pound boy was born Wednesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Bon Shively at their home in the south part of town.

### CLARA HAMON MOVIE NOT TO BE EXHIBITED IN K. C.

"Hate," the Clara Hamon Smith motion picture, will not be shown in Kansas City.

Henry Goldman, local film censor, said that Oklahoma City men who brought the picture here to be shown at a local theatre had made no further attempt to exhibit the picture after hearing of his objection to the film.

"Many pictures are shown which are just as bad," Mr. Goldman said, "but I object to starring the woman in the case for money. This type of picture is not what Kansas City people want."

### CORPORATION TAXES PAID IN CHARITON COUNTY

It may be of interest to 'Courier readers to know what the corporations are contributing in the way of taxes in Chariton county this year. Chas. Hayes has given to the Courier man the following list:

Wabash R. R. Co.	\$21,202.41
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.	10,240.69
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.	1,911.16
Chariton Co. Telegraph	108.79
Western Union Telegraph Co.	926.09
Mendon Telephone Co.	64.80
Salisbury Home Telephone	275.89
Southwestern Telephone Co.	589.19
Sinclair Pipe Line Co.	250.63
Prairie Pipe Line Co.	2,179.54

Total Tax \$37,749.19

You should shop in the Courier first.

The pupils of the O'Bryan school will give a program on the evening of December 16, followed by a candy and fruit supper. The program begins at 8:00 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

## Annual Meeting Farm Bureau

As announced last week in the papers the Annual Meeting of the Chariton County Breeders Association and the Farm Bureau were held in Keytesville, Monday of this week.

The Breeders' Association met in the forenoon and took up many matters of interest to the live stock men of Chariton county.

They decided to prepare and publish a directory of Chariton County breeders for wide distribution at an early date, advertising the good live stock which this county is producing. Other methods of advertising were discussed and one of these will include some publicity work during the Farmer Week at Columbia, the middle of January. This will help advertise the Chariton County Breeders among the thousands of visitors at the College of Agriculture at this time.

The officers of the Association for the coming year are, Freeman Kin-kade, Pres.; B. C. Smutz, 1st Vice-Pres.; G. T. Sherman, Sec. and Treas. There are now about 55 members of this association and they are planning on several methods of work which will benefit the pure-bred industry in Chariton county.

The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce has offered \$1,000 to be distributed in two or three counties in Missouri which will displace the most scrub bulls with pure bred during the year 1922. Chariton County plans to enter the race and try and win this prize. The same kind of prize was offered for 1921 and the contest is now closing between Nodaway and Johnson counties, which have been in the race all year.

### Annual Farm Bureau Meeting

The Farm Bureau meeting was held in the afternoon and addressed by Mr. Cochel, who arrived too late to make the address in the morning and C. B.

Denman, who is the State Organizer for Missouri in Farm Bureau work. Mr. Denman is a practical farmer from the eastern part of the state and has been very active in the Federation of farm organizations. State Farm Bureau Federations are now in existence in 45 states and these are united in the greatest national organization of farmers which the world has ever seen. Chariton County is fortunate to have a part in this great organization and it at this time receiving many of the benefits which have come through this co-operation.

The men who will be at the head of Farm Bureau work the coming year are every one farmers living and working on their own farms. They are Fred B. Miller, W. R. Hechler, B. C. Smutz, Ed Grotjan, Freeman Kin-kade and W. S. Pemberton, Jiles Harlan, and C. W. Garhart.

The matter of continuing Farm Bureau work in Chariton County was brought up for discussion and those farmers who were present representing about 16 different communities in the county voted almost unanimously in favor of continuing this line of work.

Many who have studied the situation and know the benefits that have been brought about by the National Federation say that this phase of work alone has been worth many times what it cost the county. This is in addition to the fact that we have an office here in the county and a man is on the job at all times working on the agricultural problems of this county.

In order that the work may not be handicapped in any way it is planned to make an effort to secure some additional support from farmers who have never contributed to this work previously.

### NORTH MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY MEETING

Arrangements have been made to hold a meeting of the N. C. S. H. Association at Excelsior Springs, December, 29, 1921.

At this meeting will be formulated the work for the coming year in furthering the interests of this highway. Efforts are being made to secure the attendance of members of the Highway commission, the secretary of the Glazier Trail Association, B. T. Buqua, of Minneapolis, G. S. Faxon, of Plano, Ill., president of the Cannon Ball Trail Association. These trails cover a part of the N. C. S. H., and should strengthen the importance of this highway. Judge R. A. Welsh, of the Federated Road Council of St. Louis, and Wm. King, Manager of the Missouri Automobile Club have been invited also J. Frank Smith and G. W. Catts, prominent good roads advocates of Kansas City.

This meeting is extremely important at this time and we expect you not only to attend but to make an effort to secure a good attendance from your community. There is no doubt but that the Wabash Railroad will grant the request which is being made that they meet train No. 51 westbound at Excelsior Springs Junction and convey the delegates to the Springs in order that they may not be delayed in their proceedings. We will also attempt to make arrangements whereby they will convey delegates to Excelsior Springs Junction in time for our return trip on train No. 28 east-bound. The banquet gathering during the noon hour will be a program in which we will consider the interests of the highways of Missouri rather than the interests of any specific highway.

H. FRANK HOLMAN,  
President.

### CARROLL COUNTY BANK CLOSES

The state director of finance was notified today that the People's Bank of Hale, Carroll County, has closed its doors. The telegram came from the bank. W. E. Todd, state bank examiner, was sent to take charge of the institution. This makes 27 banks that have been closed since January. Six of them, however, have been reopened to pay out, and are in a fair way to pay out in full.

The People's Bank of Hale was organized in 1890. From its last report to the department here it had individual deposits of \$126,028 and no demand deposits. Its loans on collateral were \$268,949, and on real estate, \$800. There was due from other banks \$22,328 and bills payable amounting to \$32,100. M. D. Billow is president of the bank and C. M. Walston cashier.

Mrs. Earl Riddell of Marceline spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. C. J. Franklin. She has recently recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.

### SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. Sophia Bartz entertained several of her friends at her home in the west part of town last Friday afternoon. The time was very pleasantly spent in conversation. A delightful two-course luncheon was served.

The Rebekah lodge will give a turtle tea at the Odd Fellows Hall tonight (Friday). You are cordially invited to attend. It is for everyone and you will only be charged 25 cents and may have all the turtle tea you want.

Mrs. Warren Elliott was hostess to the Thursday club at her home last Friday night. There were nine tables at 42. The guest prize was presented to Mrs. Blair Miller and the club prize was won by Mrs. Frank M. White. Refreshments were daintily served.

Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor has hostess to the Bridge Club at her home in the east part of town last Friday afternoon. There were two tables at Bridge and several guests were invited to play 42. The bridge prize was awarded Mrs. Chas. F. Lamkin and the 42 prize went to Mrs. John W. Michael. Refreshments were served.

The choir of the Christian church was delightfully entertained at the church Saturday night by Rufus Leonard. There were several guests not members of the choir. After practicing the hymns for Sunday service the guests were invited to the dining room which had been decorated in keeping with the holiday season and delicious refreshments were served.

The Presbyterians very delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Linnie Sneed. The afternoon was spent in conversation and selling the beautiful fancy work which they had displayed in the dining room. In the evening the ladies and gentlemen were invited to play 42. There were about twelve tables and each one seemed to enjoy the evening very much. At an appropriate hour refreshments were served.

There will be a turkey dinner at the Christian church on Friday evening, Dec. 23, at 6:30 for the church members and their families and the Sunday school children. After supper Santa Claus has promised to come and spend a little time with the children and enjoy the Christmas tree with them. All members of the church are invited and urged to come and help make this a happy time for the kiddies.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church at the usual hour Sunday by the pastor, the Rev. Stockard. You are invited to attend.

**The Courier will be issued as usual next week. Some papers, the state over, take vacations Christmas week. We do not. Look out for Santa Claus.**